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MINUTES

December 11, 2024 at 8:30am

1740 W. Adams Street, Board Room A

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Members Present: Ms. Jane Soloman (via Google Meets; left at 2:50pm), Dr. Craig Nausley, Dr. Robyn Jaynes, Dr. Greg Byrne, Dr. Melissa Thompson, and Dr. Darren Wright (telephonic from 9:50am – 10:25am).

Members Absent: Ms. Nikki Frost, CVT

Staff and Legal Counsel Present: Ms. Victoria Whitmore, Executive Director; Mr. Marc Harris, AAG (Assistant Attorney General); Ms. Tracy Riendeau, CVT, Investigations (via Google Meets); and Kiefer Chakmakian, Board Staff.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roll call: Dr. Byrne 8:37 am.

II. INITIAL INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW AND ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING CASES

1. 25-01, In Re: John Carr, DVM

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Dr. Nausley to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed unanimously.

2. 25-02, In Re: Lisa Lannen, DVM

Dr. Thompson was recused. Dr. Wright appeared telephonically. Dr. Lannen was present with attorney Renna DeVoll to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Dr. Byrne, to schedule this matter for an **Informal Interview**. Motion passed 5 ayes, 1 recusal (Dr. Thompson).

3. 25-04, In Re: Debra Bohnke, DVM

Attorney David Stoll was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Dr. Nausley to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed unanimously.

4. 25-05, In Re: Tatum Wales, DVM

Attorney David Stoll was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Ms. Soloman to find Dr. Wales in violation of ARS 32-2232 (12) as it relates to AAC R3-11-501 (1) for failure to provide professionally acceptable procedures for ruling out a snakebite when there was significant evidence to the contrary. Roll call: Dr. Nausley, aye; Dr. Jaynes, nay; Dr. Byrne, nay; Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Thompson, nay. **Motion failed, 2 ayes, 3 nays.**

After further discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes, and seconded by Dr. Nausley to modify the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss this issue** with no violation and issue a **Letter of Concern** for indicating in the medical record that there was no evidence of a snakebite, when there was. Roll call: Dr. Nausley, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye; Dr. Byrne, aye; Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Thompson, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

5. 25-06, In Re: Emily Ozumun, DVM

Dr. Byrne was recused. Dr. Wright appeared telephonically. Attorney David Stoll was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Dr. Nausley to schedule this matter for an **Informal Interview**. Motion passed 4 ayes, 1 nay (Ms. Soloman).

6. 25-07, In Re: Wendy Patterson, DVM

Dr. Byrne was recused. Dr. Wright appeared telephonically. Attorney David Stoll was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Dr. Nausley to schedule this matter for an **Informal Interview**. Motion passed 4 ayes, 1 nay (Ms. Soloman).

7. 25-08, In Re: Tammy Watt, CVT

Dr. Byrne was recused. Dr. Wright appeared telephonically. Attorney David Stoll was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Dr. Nausley to schedule this matter for an **Informal Interview**. Motion passed 4 ayes, 1 nay (Ms. Soloman).

8. 25-10, In Re: Nicolette Meredith, DVM

Attorney David Stoll was present and made statements on behalf of Dr. Meredith. Mr. and Mrs. Valenti were present and made statements. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Dr. Byrne to schedule this matter for an **Informal Interview**. Motion passed unanimously.

9. 25-12, In Re: Michael Robinson, DVM

Dr. Robinson was present and made statements. Ms. Mary Smith was present, made statements and answered questions. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Dr. Byrne to modify the Investigative Committee's recommendation and find Dr. Robinson in violation of:

- **A.R.S. § 32-2232 (12)** as it relates to **A.A.C. R3-11-501 (1)** failure to provide professionally acceptable procedures for administering an overdose of epinephrine to the dog; and
- **A.R.S. § 32-2232 (21)** as it relates to **A.A.C. R3-11-502:**
 - **(C)** failure to provide an estimate of fees to the pet owner;
 - **(H) (1)** failure to obtain signed authorization for the surgical procedure;

- o **(H) (2)** failure to examine the dog within 6 hours of performing surgery; and
- o **(H) (3)** failure to document the dog's heart rate and respiratory rate and record them in the animal's medical record immediately after giving the animal a general anesthetic and monitoring and recording them a minimum of every 15 minutes while anesthesia is being administered.

Roll call: Dr. Nausley, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye; Dr. Byrne, aye; Ms. Soloman, nay; Dr. Thompson, aye. Motion passed 4 ayes, 1 nay.

After further discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Dr. Nausley to offer Dr. Robinson a **Consent Agreement**, adopting the Investigative Committee's proposed Findings of Fact, as the Board Findings of Fact and modify the Conclusions of Law as cited. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Dr. Nausley to offer Dr. Robinson a Consent Agreement that includes a period of **Probation of 1-year** to obtain an additional **nine (9) hours of Continuing Education** in addition to the statutory requirements to maintain licensure. Those nine (9) hours shall be:

- **Six (6) hours in CPR;** and
- **Three (3) hours in Medical Record Keeping.**

The Consent Agreement shall also include a **\$500 civil penalty** to be paid on or before the end of the Probationary period. If the Consent Agreement is not signed in 30 days, the matter will be remanded to an Informal Interview. Roll call: Dr. Nausley, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye; Dr. Byrne, aye; Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Thompson, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

10. 25-13, In Re: Amanda Phomsavanh, DVM

Dr. Phomsavanh was present with attorney Michael Oberg to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Dr. Nausley to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed unanimously.

III. INFORMAL INTERVIEWS - BOARD DELIBERATION AND ACTION

1. 24-146, In Re: Kelly Baxter, DVM

Dr. Baxter was present with attorney Cody Hall, made statements and answered questions. Ms. Jaimie Miller was present, made statements and answered questions. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Dr. Thompson to find Dr. Baxter in violation of **ARS § 32-2232 (12)** as it relates to **AAC R3-11-501 (1)** failure to provide professionally acceptable procedures for not communicating to the pet owner about the side effects seen after hydromorphone administration. Roll call: Dr. Nausley, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye; Dr. Byrne, aye; Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Thompson, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

2. 25-53, In Re: Alexanne Weinzierl, DVM

Dr. Weinzierl was present telephonically, made statements and answered questions, with Attorney Cody Hall present. Ms. Jaime Miller was present, made statements and answered questions. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Dr. Thompson to **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed 4 ayes, 1 nay (Ms. Soloman).

3. 24-129, In Re: Toni Barnes, DVM

Dr. Barnes was present, made statements and answered questions. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Ms. Soloman to find Dr. Barnes in violation of **ARS § 32-2232 (12)** as it relates to **AAC R3-11-501 (1)** failure to provide current professional and scientific knowledge for not offering further diagnostics prior to recommending surgery. Roll call: Dr. Nausley, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye; Dr. Byrne, aye; Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Thompson, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

After further discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Ms. Soloman to **open an investigation** with respect to **Dr. Maltese's conduct**. Roll call: Dr. Nausley, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye; Dr. Byrne, aye; Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Thompson, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

4. 24-121: In Re: Nalani Yamada, DVM – Continuance of Informal Interview of November 20, 2024, for the purpose of receiving additional information and reviewing possible action to approve proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and adopting an Order.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Dr. Jaynes to adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as drafted. Motion passed unanimously.

After further discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Ms. Soloman to issue Dr. Yamada an Order that includes the following terms:

A period of **Probation for 1-year** for Dr. Yamada to **submit a paragraph** stating that she understands the responsibility, in any given case a veterinarian has, regarding the action of staff and why that is important.

If Dr. Yamada completes the terms of Probation before one (1) year, she can request her license be placed back to Active status. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF PREVIOUS ACTIONS

1. 24-54: In Re: Erin Miracle, DVM. Monthly appearance as required by Consent Agreement. Board may review, discuss, and take action on information provided which may include modification of Consent Agreement.

Dr. Miracle was present, made statements and answered questions in compliance with her Consent Agreement. After discussion and consideration, the Board directed staff to contact Dr. Miracle's employer to obtain information on the unexcused days absent.

2. 23-80: In Re: Dawn Hunsberger, VMD. Monthly appearance as required by Interim Consent Agreement. Board may review, discuss, and take action on information provided, including review of compliance with Interim Consent Agreement.

Dr. Nausley was excused. Dr. Wright appeared telephonically. Dr. Hunsberger was present, made statements and answered questions in compliance with her Interim Consent Agreement.

3. 24-107: In Re: Tamara Pauletto, DVM. Quarterly appearance as required by Consent Agreement. Board may review, discuss, and take action on information provided.

Dr. Pauletto was present, made statements and answered questions in compliance with her Consent Agreement.

4. 24-62: In Re: Jarrod Dorsey, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on revised continuing education plan submitted.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Dr. Thompson to accept Dr. Dorsey's revised continuing education plan submitted in compliance with his Board Order. Motion passed unanimously.

5. 24-72: In Re: Payton Robb, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on continuing education completed as required by Consent Agreement and may return license to Active status.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Dr. Nausley to accept Dr. Robb's completed continuing education in compliance with her Consent Agreement and return her license back to Active status. Motion passed unanimously.

6. 24-53: In Re: Hugo Santibanez, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on Practice Monitor Report and Respondent's updated procedures. Action may be taken to restore or otherwise modify Respondent's privileges to perform surgical and anesthetic procedures.

Dr. Santibanez was present with attorney Flynn Carey, made statements and answered questions. Ms. Katie Carpenter was present, made statements and answered questions. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman to open an investigation for non-compliance. No second; motion failed.

After further discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Dr. Nausley to re-agendize the matter to next month's Board meeting for an update on Dr. Santibanez's progress. Motion passed 4 ayes, 1 nay (Ms. Soloman).

7. 23-72: In Re: Simon Escalada, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on continuing education completed as required by Board Order and may return license to Active status.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Ms. Soloman to accept Dr. Escalada's continuing education completed in compliance with his Board Order and return his license back to Active status. Motion passed unanimously.

8. 24-75 and 24-76: In Re: Diego Florez, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on continuing education completed as required by Consent Agreement.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Dr. Nausley to accept Dr. Florez's completed continuing education in compliance with his Consent Agreement. Dr. Florez has not paid his civil penalty therefore his license will remain on Probation until paid. Motion passed unanimously.

9. 24-26: In Re: Roger Chen, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on continuing education completed as required by Consent Agreement and may return license to Active status.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Dr. Thompson to accept Dr. Chen's completed continuing education in compliance with his Consent Agreement and return his license back to Active status. Motion passed unanimously.

V. REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, REFERRALS AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. Board may review, discuss, and take action on Continuing Education waiver requests:

a. Jaime Glasser, DVM

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Dr. Nausley to deny Dr. Glasser's continuing education waiver request and grant Dr. Glasser a 90-day extension to complete the appropriate continuing education, if needed. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Ericka Johnson, DVM

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Dr. Jaynes to grant Dr. Johnson a 90-day extension to complete the appropriate continuing education. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Elton Migliati, DVM

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Dr. Jaynes to grant Dr. Johnson a 60-day extension to complete the appropriate continuing education. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Board may review, discuss, and take action on request to reinstate and/or reapply for Licensing:

a. Jessica Muniga, DVM

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Byrne and seconded by Ms. Soloman to reinstate Dr. Muniga's veterinary license contingent on her signing a Consent Agreement to pay past due veterinary application and license issuance fees totally five (5) hundred dollars, finding her in violation of:

- **A.R.S. § 32-2232 (18)** as it relates to **A.R.S. § 32-2219 (A)** as it relates to **A.A.C. R3-11-201 (A) (3) (a)** failure to pay veterinary application fees; and
- **A.R.S. § 32-2232 (18)** as it relates to **A.R.S. § 32-2219 (B)** as it relates to **A.A.C. R3-11-201 (A) (3) (a)** failure to pay veterinary issuance fees.

Roll call: Dr. Nausley, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye; Dr. Byrne, aye; Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Thompson, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Board may review, discuss, and take action on NAVLE re-take appeal request from Sean Wu.

After discussion and consideration, the Board directed staff to advise the ICVA that Arizona does not have limits on the number of exam re-takes.

4. Board may review, discuss, and take action on premises inspections:

a. P0283: Mission Pet Clinic. Meredy Callahan, DVM

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Dr. Jaynes to **open an investigation** with respect to Dr. Callahan as responsible veterinarian and non-compliant premises. Motion passed unanimously.

b. R4196: Old Pueblo Veterinary Clinic. Hailey Griffin, DVM

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Byrne and seconded by Dr. Jaynes and to open an investigation with respect to Dr. Griffin as responsible veterinarian and non-compliant premises. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Board may review, discuss, and take action on information received regarding resolution of Texas Veterinary Medical Board case regarding Lindsay Schroeder, DVM.

No action taken.

6. Board may review, discuss, and take action on veterinary license renewals.

a. Evan Ware, DVM

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Byrne and seconded by Dr. Jaynes to accept Dr. Ware's veterinary license renewal. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Kimberly Radway, DVM

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Byrne and seconded by Dr. Jaynes to accept Dr. Radway's veterinary license renewal. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Cynthia Tak Liang Tom, DVM

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Byrne and seconded by Dr. Nausley to deny Dr. Tom's veterinary license renewal and direct staff to reach out to Dr. Tom to obtain additional information on the charges. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Alexa Veale, DVM

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Byrne and seconded by Dr. Thompson to accept Dr. Veale's veterinary license renewal. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Wing Lee Louisa Poon, DVM

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Byrne and seconded by Ms. Soloman to accept Dr. Poon's veterinary license renewal. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Board may review, discuss, and take action on request from the American Association of Swine Veterinarians (AASV) to approve the 2025 AASV Annual Meeting for continuing education credit for licensees.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Dr. Nausley to approve 24 hours of continuing education from the American Association of Swine Veterinarians (AASV) 2025 Annual Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Board may review, discuss, and take action on review of licensing fees report.

Pend to a future Board meeting.

9. Executive Director Report

a. License/certificate renewals update

Ms. Whitmore updated the Board on the number of renewals received to this point.

b. Unresolved issues disclosed on renewals

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Dr. Nausley to give Ms. Whitmore the authority to approve renewals with unresolved issues disclosed and requesting the licensee or certificate holder to notify the Board of the outcome within 30 days of the resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. November 20, 2024 Regular Session

No quorum. Tabled to a future Board meeting.

2. November 20, 2024 Executive Session

No quorum. Table to a future Board meeting.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Premises Licenses – Responsible Veterinarian listed

1. R4542: Rex Mobile Veterinary Services. Address change. Titia Luise King, DVM.
2. R4543: Southwest Equine Veterinary. New Premises. Ashley Alward, DVM.
3. R4552: VIP Petcare - Pet Supplies Plus - Surprise. New Premises. Heather Venkat, DVM.
4. R4454: VIP Petcare – Pet Supplies Plus – Phoenix. New Responsible Veterinarian. Heather Venkat, DVM.
5. R4561: VIP Petcare – Tractor Supply Company – Tolleson. New Responsible Veterinarian. Heather Venkat, DVM
6. R4568: VIP Petcare – Tractor Supply Company – Surprise. New Responsible Veterinarian. Heather Venkat, DVM.
7. R4585: VIP Petcare – Tractor Supply Company – Buckeye. New Responsible Veterinarian. Heather Venkat, DVM.
8. R4594: Safely Home Veterinary Services LLC. New Premises. Cynthia Jones, DVM.
9. R4595: Banfield Pet Hospital #1004. New Responsible Veterinarian. Saman Partownavid, DVM.
10. R4597: Banfield Pet Hospital #0137. New Responsible Veterinarian. Saman Partownavid, DVM.
11. R4598: Banfield Pet Hospital #1266. New Responsible Veterinarian. Heather Penton, DVM.
12. R4600. Arizona Livestock Veterinary Practice LLC. New Premises. Montana Ritz, DVM.
13. R4602: On Point Vet. New Premises. Catherine Rusch, DVM.
14. R4603. Strickland Veterinary Clinic. New Responsible Veterinarian. Heather Molander, DVM.
15. R4605: Pet Doctor of Chandler. New Responsible Veterinarian. Sherod Hardt, DVM.
16. R4606: Banfield Pet Hospital #5396. New Premises. Amanda Clanin, DVM.
17. R4607: CityVet – Sterling Grove. New Premises. Jonathan Bycroft, DVM.
18. R4609: Animal Clinic Del Rancho. New Responsible Veterinarian. Cassidy McCartney, DVM.
19. R4611: Daisy Mountain Veterinary Hospital. New Responsible Veterinarian. Anne Jillson, DVM.
20. R4626: EquiMed Veterinary Consulting. New Premises. Rachel Liepman, DVM.
21. R4535: Vetco Total Care #1132. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adriana Stinnett, DVM.
22. R4612: Verde Valley Humane Society. New Premises. Nicholas Volkman, DVM.
23. R4615: UrgentVet: New Responsible Veterinarian. Ariana Monterosso, DVM.
24. R4617: Desert Cross Veterinary Hospital. New Premises. Deborah Chapman, DVM.
25. R4619: Four Paws Veterinary Clinic. New Responsible Veterinarian, New Ownership, Joshua Fender, DVM.
26. R4627: Petsmart Veterinary Services #1714. New Responsible Veterinarian. Jarrod Dorsey, DVM.

A (1), (2), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), (14), (15), (16), (17), (18), (19), (20), (21), (22), (23), (24), (25), and (26) removed from the Consent Agenda.

Approval of Premises Licenses granted.

B. Approval of Random Premises Inspections – Responsible Veterinarian listed

1. R2013: Tumbleweed Animal Hospital. Richard Brady, DVM.
2. R3520: Chiles Holistic & Integrative Care for Animals. Kathleen Chiles, DVM.

Approval of Random Premises Inspections granted.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Dr. Nausley to **approve** the Consent Agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Items Removed From The Consent Agenda:

A (1), (8), (11), (12), (16), and (21).

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Ms. Soloman to approve the above premises **pending compliance**. Motion passed unanimously.

A (2), (9), (10), (13), (14), (15), (17), (18), (19), (20), (22), (23), (24), (25), and (26).

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Ms. Soloman to approve the above premises **pending inspection and compliance**. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

No summary of current events.

IX. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No member of the public requested to speak.

X. ESTABLISHMENT OF FUTURE MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 15, 2025**, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at 1740 W. Adams Street, Board Room "B," Phoenix, Arizona, 85007. One or more Board members may appear electronically/telephonically.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Victoria Whitmore, Executive Director